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IN RE APPLICATION OF: DOUGLAS A. MARTIN *ET AL.*

APPLICATION NO.: 10/734,615

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FOR: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
PROVIDING CONSUMER SERVICES
INCLUDING COIN-COUNTING AND
DIGITAL IMAGE PRINTING**

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ART UNIT: 3629

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